IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: SILICON GERMANIUM SURFACE LAYER FOR HIGH-K

DIELECTRIC INTEGRATION

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Sir:

RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2007. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 13-21 are pending in the application, claims 1-8, 10, 11 and 13-21 are rejected. The present response includes the following:

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims: Pages 2-5

Amendments to the Abstract: None
Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks: Page 5-10

Attachments: None